

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

N. SHIMOE et al.

Serial No. 09/458,077

Filed: December 10, 1999



Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: M. Kidwell

For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

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- ☒ [ X ] No additional fee is required.  
☐ [ ] Small entity status of this application has been established.

- ☐ [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
☐ [ ] Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	18	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 80 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- ☐ [ ] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached  
☒ [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUID ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING LONGITUDINAL  
SIDE GROOVE (As Amended)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 15, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the originally filed Specification with the attached Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:  
a liquid-permeable topsheet; and  
a liquid-absorbent core having an upper surface covered by said topsheet and a lower surface, said core further having indented regions arranged along two lines extending longitudinally along transversely opposite sides of said core, said lines spaced apart from each other by a distance gradually increasing from a minimum at a longitudinally middle point thereof to a maximum at